

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: Sinkland Farms on Tuesday, **September 28, 2010** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Directions: From Interstate 81, take exit 114. Go South on Route 8 towards Riner/Floyd. Sinkland Farms is 2 miles on the left at 3020 Riner Road Christiansburg, VA 24073. From Floyd, take Route 8 for about 17 miles. Turn right at 3020 Riner Road Christiansburg, VA 24073.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public meeting to discuss a study to restore water quality in the Little River watershed.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacteria, temperature and biological impairment (general standard) in the Little River watershed. The general standard indicates the water quality does not support a natural aquatic invertebrate community.

The following is the "impaired" stream, the length of the impaired segment, location and the reason for the impairment: Little River, 42.71 miles, Floyd, Montgomery and Pulaski Counties, bacteria; Little River Reservoir, 60.44 acres, Pulaski and Montgomery Counties, bacteria; Little River, 16.99 miles, Montgomery County, general standard (aquatic invertebrate community); Meadow Creek, 4.49 miles, Montgomery County, bacteria; Mill Creek, Poplar Branch, Unnamed Tributaries to Mill Creek, 15.25 miles, Montgomery County, bacteria; Brush Creek, 5.76 miles, Montgomery County, bacteria; Little River, 33.55 miles, Floyd County, temperature and bacteria; Meadow Run, 3.70 miles, Floyd County, bacteria and general standard (aquatic invertebrate community); Pine Creek, 3.68 miles, Floyd County, bacteria and temperature; Laurel Creek, 3.26 miles, Floyd County, bacteria; Dodd Creek and West Fork Dodd Creek, 15.41 miles, Floyd County, bacteria; Dodd Creek, 6.28 miles, Floyd County, temperature; West Fork Dodd Creek, 1.17 miles, Floyd County, temperature; Big Indian Creek, 7.56 miles, Floyd County, temperature.

The state agencies developed a Total Maximum Daily Load, or a TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by October 28, 2010. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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